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**City of Westfield Selected as Finalist in Ball State Community Awards Program**

**Westfield, IN-** Westfield is honored to be a finalist of the 2014 Primacy of Place Community Awards Program (PoPCAP).

The Building Better Communities and the Indiana Office of Community and Rural Affairs launched the Ball State Community Awards program in 2013. The group chose Westfield as a finalist for PoPCAP for their visionary approach in developing the Grand Park Sports Campus. The \$45 million investment created an industry that will better the lives of Westfield's residents, businesses and visitors.

"We are honored to be chosen as a finalist for PoPCAP," says Mayor Andy Cook. "Grand Park started as a citizens' group coming up with the idea of building a 400 acre sports park that would make Westfield a sports tourism destination. The City Council made that dream a reality and because of their vision, persistence and guts Westfield is becoming a community to watch and I'm just proud to be a part of its success."

Finalists will be honored at the Primacy of Place Community Awards Luncheon on August 7th at the Minnetrista Cultural Center in Muncie.

The PoPCAP awards are one part of a Ball State's Primacy of Place initiative to help Indiana communities put human interests at the center of economic development by nurturing wellness, happiness, and prosperity. Visit <http://primacyofplace.com> for more information.

**About Grand Park Sports Campus**

*Grand Park in Westfield, Indiana, is a destination like no other. The thoughtfully designed 400-acre Grand Park Sports Campus features 26 baseball and softball*

*diamonds, 31 multipurpose fields for soccer, football, rugby, field hockey and lacrosse as well as two indoor facilities to accommodate year-round play for a variety of sports. It also features an abundance of green space and more than 10 miles of pedestrian/bicycle trails, including the largest trailhead on the Monon Corridor.*

*More than 1.5 million sports visitors are expected to participate in or attend tournaments and events at the Grand Park Sports Campus on an annual basis making the surrounding area a prime location for economic development. The master plan outlines approximately 1,400 acres of land available for residential and commercial development including hospitality (hotel, restaurant and retail), mixed-use, life science and corporate office uses.*

*Grand Park is bound by State Road 32 on the south, 196<sup>th</sup> Street to the north, Spring Mill Road on the west and United States Highway 31 to the east.*

*Visit [GrandPark.org](http://GrandPark.org) for more information.*

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